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PUC helps victims of Katrina

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Faculty and students have come together and opened their hearts and pocketbooks to give their assistance to the Gulf Coast.

Administration allowed students who were displaced from their homes and their universities to enroll late. Leasing office officials at the University Village have also waived the $20 application fee for displaced students who wish to transfer to PUC and live on campus.

Enrollment services officials were contacted early in September with three displaced students who were looking to register. Wes Lukoshus, assistant vice chancellor for advancement, says that the admissions office has already begun helping these students get settled on campus.

"We will do everything in our power to enable them to continue their education this fall at Purdue Calumet, if they choose to do so," said Lukoshus.

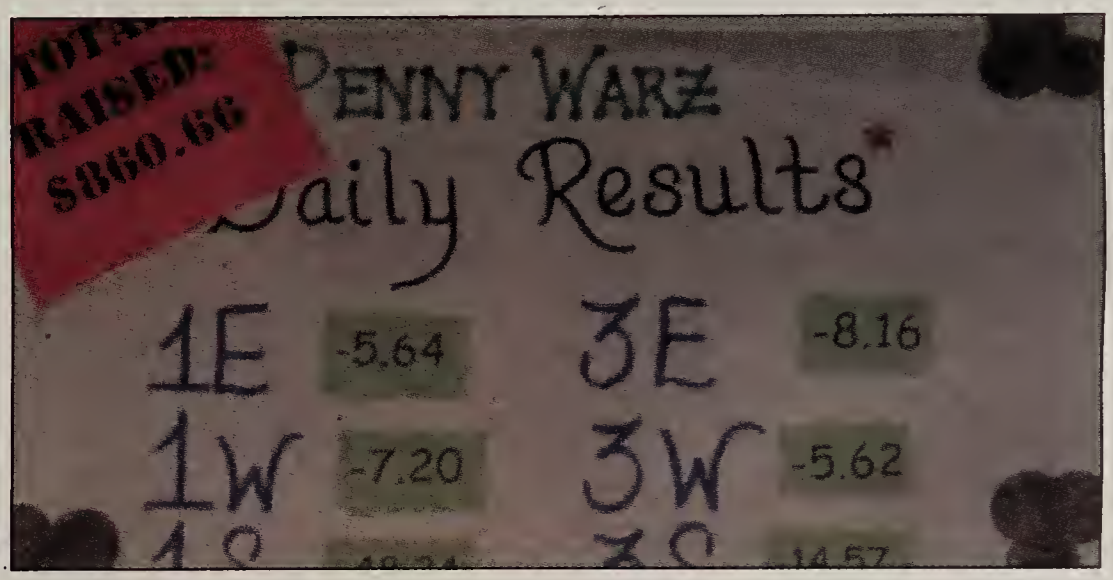
It has been three weeks since the hurricane struck the Gulf Coast, and students have been eager to do whatever they can to help out.

A "penny war" was held at the University Village to raise money for the victims. All twelve wings of the University Village had a collection cup where students placed pennies for positive points and silver coins or dollar bills in other wing's cups for negative points. The scores were tabulated at 5 p.m. everyday, and the results were posted in the lobby.

The competition ended September 16 and $860.66 was raised. The winners were fourth floor south. They will receive a pizza party and all proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward helping Hurricane Katrina victims.

Although many organizations have begun fundraising on their own, the SGA is hard at work organizing a combined relief effort on campus.

"We are in partnership with the Society for Human Resources Management, have been appointed by the administration to coordinate the fundraising efforts of all the disparate groups on campus," said Steve Lynch, vice president of the SGA. "There are a lot of us doing a lot of different things to try and help, but these efforts need to be focused, to make a larger and more lasting impact."



Chronicle photo by Melissa Batka

University Village residents held a contest to help raise money for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. PUC has been working hard to contribute as much as they can to those in need.

A meeting was held on September 16 to provide information to students and organizations who are interested in participating in the relief effort. 12 people attended the meeting.

There are many charities and thousands of victims who need help. The SGA would like to make their effort an on-going project during the fall semester and would like as many organizations to participate as possible.

"The key task is to organize the response so we don't have 20 different groups competing to raise money for the Red Cross when there's a couple of families down the block that need warm clothes and aren't getting any," said Lynch.

Rick Holtz, Melissa Batka, Elizabeth Wilkinson, Cassidy Mazzoni

Help from his friends

BY MELISSA BATKA
Managing Editor

The destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina has inspired many to unite and college students are no exception.

College students are often labeled as apathetic or lazy, but comedian Steve Hofstetter has helped give them a platform to show what they are really made of.

Hofstetter used his account at www.facebook.com to encourage students to donate however much they can afford to organizations assisting in hurricane relief. Hofstetter had been using facebook.com, which allows students from all over to network with each other, to raise money for the victims of the tsunami that destroyed the coast of Southeast Asia.

After watching the devastation that Katrina left behind, he decided to turn his efforts to helping the victims along the Gulf Coast. Hofstetter, who has written two books and appeared on numerous television shows, including "Last Comic Standing," says that the response has been tremendous. After students make donations

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Steve Hofstetter may be a comedian by trade, but when the need was there, he made sure all of his facebook friends were involved.

Fitness Center: a great deal

The PUC Fitness Center just might be one of the best deals on campus. PUC Undergraduate Students need to pay $19 a semester to have use of the fitness center and the cost for Graduate Students is $48. Those who are not PUC students can use the gym also, for a cost of $65 a month. Quarterly and yearly plans are also available for non-students. Other plans available include alumni of PUC, faculty and staff, high school students and summer or winter passes for students of other colleges or universities.

BY ELIZABETH WILKINSON
Chief Copy Editor

The Fitness Center offers state-of-the-art training equipment. Members receive use of the free weight room, exercise center, indoor track and racquetball courts. On site professionals are available to help Fitness Center users with equipment and to answer questions. Also, the Fitness Center staff can create individual plans for members based on medical history and other factors. Workouts can also be supervised by exercise physiologists.

Stephanie Bourden, a sophomore majoring in education, lives on campus. She and her three roommates all belong to the fitness center.

"I like it because it's cheap and close," said Bourden.

She has not taken any classes at the gym, but she hopes to join the "Body Under Construction" program. Students in the program set a realistic goal of how much weight they want to lose at the beginning of the program. Participants are also measured to see how many inches they lose

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Lookin for a Job on Campus?.....

...Then visit Student Employment, a unit within the Center for Career and Leadership Development. Student Employment provides a one-stop shop for campus supervisors and students to meet their employment needs.

Campus supervisors post student employment vacancies with the office through Student Employment's new online job search software-**CareerTrax**. Students may search on-line for campus empoloyment and apply directly to the job opening. The goal of the Student Employment office is to provide meaningful employment to students that will correlate to their educational goals while creating connection to the campus.

Student Employment coordinates Federal Work Study, non-Federal Work Study, graduate aide, and temporary student positions (short term for leaves, vacations, emergencies, one-time projects). Project employment, which is similar to a small on-campus internship, will be developed soon.

Students and alumni are encouraged to register with **CareerTrax**, formerly known as PC Slots, to access additional features of the system, which included special listings for internships and on-campus interview schedules.

CareerTrax requires that students have resumes created in Microsoft Word format. Students are encouraged to update resumes in Word format for upload into the new system and may access resume workshops and other career assistance, including access to the computer lab, by visiting the Center for Career and Leadership Development in Room 349 of the Student Union and Library.

Campus supervisors may submit new job descriptions and update existing jobs in the new **CareerTrax** system. With the new system, supervisors have more powerful access to manage job opportunities available to students, immediate access to the jobs they post in the system, the ability to view student resumes on-line, the capacity to contact students directly via their profile information, and edit the jobs they have posted.

Additional information about student employment may be obtained by contacting Cathy Taylor, student employment coordinator, at 989-4119 or taylor@calumet.purdue.edu or by visiting www.calumet.purdue.edu/ccld/employment or stop in SUL-349

Lookin for a Job

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What's Goin' On?

A look around campus

Chancellor's Reading Circle

Student Life & Activities is looking for students who are interested in participating in the Chancellor's Reading Circle on Tuesday, October 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. Straight Man, a novel by Richard Russo will be discussed. Interested students may contact Student Life & Activities at 989-2369 or Student Union and Library Building-324E to register. Seats are limited and books are provided.

Student Executive Board Meeting

The first Student Organizations Executive Board meeting of the semester is scheduled for Friday, September 23 at 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in Student Union and Library Building room 321. If your group is planning to attend please register at https://esc.calumet.purdue.edu/ccld/calendar/showAllEvents.asp Student interested in learning more about student organizations are welcome.

Student Life & Activities Announces September Inspired Leaders Series Workshops

Keith Kirkpatrick, director of The Institute of Innovative Leadership, will speak on Qualities of a Leader: a Leader's Perspective on Leadership, on Thursday, September 22 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Student Union and Library Building in the Room with a View (150-D).

PUC Alumni Association hosts football outing

PUC Alumni Association is hosting a football game outing, Purdue versus Iowa, at West Lafayette on October 8. The price is $55 and includes a ticket and roundtrip travel. For more information call (219) 989-2308.

Inspired Leaders Workshop

Latrice Johnson, UPS Learning & Development Manger, will speak on Leadership & Career Development on Thursday, September 29 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in SUL Room with a View (150-D). Please register if you are planning to attend at https://esc.calumet.purdue.edu/ccld/calendar/showAllEvents.asp.

Concert to benefit Katrina victims

There will be a concert to benefit victims of Hurricane Katrina at the Community of Christ Church, 8629 Kennedy Ave. in Highland, on September 30 at 7 p.m. The bands performing will be NOR, Nate and his Kite, Lachance!, Dear Noel and Rarity Progress.

CARE invites members to meetings

The Coalition for Animal Rights Education will hold weekly meetings in Anderson 224. For more information e-mail careforanimals@gmail.com.

PUC Counseling Center announces workshops

The Counseling Center will offer structured, confidential work-shops for students for the fall semester. There is no cost to participate in any workshop. The workshops are "Feel Better Fast" Seminar to Improve Self-Confidence and Mood, Shyness & Social Anxiety Workshop and Anger Management Workshop Series. There will be a limited number of spaces available and some workshops may repeat based on student interest. For more information call (219) 989-2366 or stop by Gyte-5.

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Students feel safe on campuses statewide

BY ELIZABETH WILKINSON
Chief Copy Editor

Most universities take high measures to make their campuses safe. Even with the best efforts being made to keep students protected, crime is a fact of college life. Statewide, campuses with large populations and student housing tend to have the highest instances of crime reports and arrests.

The US Department of Education Office for Post-Secondary Education allows users to find out how many crimes were reported and how many arrests were made at a university or college each year.

The newest statistics available are from 2003. PUC had five reported burglaries and two reported motor vehicle thefts. There were no other crimes reported or arrests made.

Purdue's West Lafayette campus had 28 burglaries, six forcible sex offenses and five robberies reported. In addition 225 people were arrested for liquor law violations and five for drug offenses.

"I haven't felt unsafe on campus since I've been here, but I'm glad to know they have increased security," said Ashley Retting, a junior majoring in accounting at PUC.

Indiana University has similar statistics. Indiana University Northwest in Gary had 4 motor vehicle thefts, one robbery and one liquor law arrest.

Indiana University in Bloomington had 49 burglaries, six forcible sex offenses and five aggravated assaults reported. There were 227 arrests for liquor violations, 170 drug arrests and two illegal weapon offenses.

The statistics for IU Bloomington and Purdue West Lafayette are only those from the campus, not the student housing or dormitories.

Megan Guerts is a sophomore at Indiana University Bloomington. Guerts says that overall, she feels safe on campus.

"There have been a few rape cases since I've been here but as long as you're smart enough not to leave your friends and put yourself in a bad situation it's great," said Guerts.

She also said that there are police officers around campus and phones for emergencies.

Date rape is common among college students. Outside of college campuses, 80 percent of women who are raped are raped by men who they already know. For college students, that number jumps to 90 percent. In addition, 90 percent of rapes are planned. Experts say that staying with friends and not accepting open drinks are two of the most important things to avoid date rape. Date rate drugs such as GHB and rohypnol are hard to detect and can be easily slipped into drinks. Getting your own drinks and keeping an eye on them is one of the most effective ways to protect yourself, according to experts.

Before enrolling at Purdue University North Central, Nichole Flatt attended Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, Tennessee. Freed-Hardeman is a small, private school. Flatt said she felt very safe there, but the whole town shut down at 10 p.m. Flatt is a resident of Portage. She chose PNC over PUC because many students view Westville, where PNC is located, as being safer than Hammond.

Most students seem to feel safe on campuses statewide. With a larger student population than ever before and student housing on campus, increased security is seen as a welcome addition to the growing PUC campus by many students.

College Safety Tips

- When walking on campus make sure to follow the most well-lit path possible.
- You should always move in groups; there is truth to the saying that there is safety in numbers.
- If you are forced to go out alone, let your roommate or dorm neighbor knows where you are going and when you should be back.
- When exercising alone, whether jogging or walking, be careful when wearing headphones. It leaves you vulnerable and unaware of others and your surroundings.
- When back in the dorms, always lock your doors and windows before going to bed for the night.

Source: safety.com

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SPAM

"Spam is unsolicited e-mail on the Internet. . . . It usually seems like junk e-mail. It's roughly equivalent to unsolicited telephone marketing calls. Spammers typically send a piece of e-mail to a distribution list in the millions, expecting that only a tiny number of readers will respond to their offer.

Spam has become a major problem for all Internet users. Some apparently unsolicited e-mail is, in fact, e-mail that people agreed to receive when they registered with a site and checked a box agreeing to receive postings about particular products or interests." (Taken from WhatIs.com)

Tips on Stopping Spam

- Do not open an email message unless you know who it is from. Opening it signals that your email address if active and more spam will follow.
- Do not reply to or forward junk email.
- Be careful about giving out your email address. If possible spell it out rather than use the @ symbol, for example: osika at calumet.purdue.edu
- Never respond to or opt-out of spam. This only validates that the email address is a legitimate address.
- Never click on a link in a spam message. Links in a spam message can expose the recipient to all types of possible damaging materials like viruses. In addition, the material of spam can be graphic and offensive.
- Use a variety of email addresses. Your university email addresses should be used for business purposes. Subscribe to a free email address (e.g. Hotmail, Yahoo, etc.) for subscriptions like newsletters, forums, and user groups. This way if you begin to receive spam, you can easily change your free email address and stop the spam.
- Be prudent when giving out your email address. Just like any other confidential information, an email address should only be distributed to trusted recipients.

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Bogus websites making a mockery of charity

BY SIDDHARTH MISHRA
Cub Reporter

People from all over are trying to do the best they can to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

It may be hard to find someone who has not pitched in at least a dollar. In today's technology oriented world, a great deal of charity is facilitated online. But online charities can be deceiving.

Monetary contribution made on a website may never reach the people in New Orleans, but instead end up in the hands of a criminal organization.

In the weeks after Katrina struck, e-mails have been circulating with subjects that mention the hurricane and offer links to bogus websites where people trying to donate to charity can fall victim to credit card fraud.

FBI spokesman Paul Bresson said the agency has received reports of online scams and is investigating.

"Unfortunately, we always see these types of scams after a disaster, like the tsunami last year [in South Asia]," Bresson told searchsecurity.com. "We've identified a number of phony sites and e-mails directing you to spoofed sites."

For now the agency is doing its best to shut down these sites.

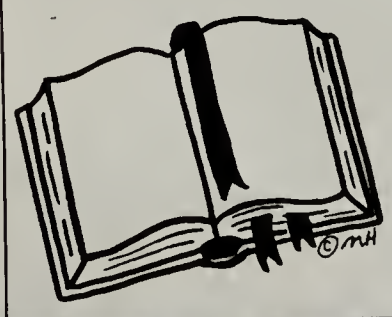
"It's important to just warn the public that these scams are out there," he said.

Some examples of fake websites are KatrinaHelp.com, KatrinaCleanup.com and KatrinaRelief.com. These websites were initially registered to non-entities. Once they were discovered by the authorities, the company selling these domain names put them up for sale, this time to real charities.

There are also e-mails being sent with attachments claiming to show pictures of the devastation that are infected with Trojan horses inside allowing a hacker to take over the computer. Others may contain hyperlinks to some of these bogus websites while some may eventually lead to completely unrelated advertising and sometimes even pornographic material.

Some hackers have even deceived some of those with loved-ones in the affected areas with e-mails claiming to know their whereabouts. One sure fire way to avoid falling into these traps is to keep in mind that most genuine charities do not send mass e-mails.

Online contributions can be made by visiting official websites such as redcross.org, mercycorps.org or salvationarmyusa.org.



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Safety issues

Take a look around; PUC is changing.

Some of the changes are obvious, such as a parking garage and student housing. These additions to the campus have brought about even more change. There are more activities being provided on campus, and facilities are expanding their hours to better accommodate student's needs.

But take a closer look. The enrollment numbers have been steadily increasing. This semester there are 9,302 students enrolled at the university, the highest number since fall 1999.

Now look just a little closer. Have you noticed the increase in security, student patrol and campus police officers?

How about the unmarked squad cars? We bet you didn't catch that one. But it is nearly impossible not to see that PUC has stepped up the security on campus. And that should make everyone feel safe.

However, there is one safety issue that the university should take a closer look at.

Every day many students and staff members use the 173rd street entrance to get to campus. Traffic is higher at this intersection than ever before with the addition of the University Village.

Although there is a cross walk with a signal, the walk/do not walk sign and buzzer allows very little time for students to cross. Drivers making left turns while leaving campus are not always cautious of students trying to cross the street. And it is easy for drivers in the far right lane to be blinded by pedestrians that are approaching to their left.

Some Chronicle staff members have already come close to having accidents, both on foot and in their vehicles, at the 173rd street entrance. It is very early in the semester but it is already apparent that this intersection poses a very serious risk to both pedestrians and motorists.

It has not yet been a year since the tragic death of Diane Huntington, who lost her life while attempting to cross 169th street while leaving campus. With her memory still fresh in our minds, it makes one question how many more lives will have to be lost before the university takes action to protect students, staff and visitors from the hazards of campus entrances.

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Media is not biased

BY DAVID P. FUNK
Sports Editor

If you've been reading my commentaries, you know I am certainly not some weenie liberal. Go GOP. Not. That's right, *I said* not.

I was recently skimming through a conservative friend's copy of Eric Alterman's "What Liberal Media?"

I've always been very critical of those who claim that the media has a liberal bias.

While I do believe that some in the media certainly do have a liberal twist to a lot of their work, I also believe that just as many have a conservative one.

Fox News channel is quite obviously spun to the right. Seeing the channel's "Fair and Balanced" slogan always makes me chuckle.

Even Ann Coulter has admitted to there being no more liberal media bias.

On the July 26 Hannity and Colmes show on the FNC, Coulter told Sean Hannity that President Bush should appoint more conservative judges because, "we have the media now."

The National Survey of the Role of Polls in Policymaking did a study in 2001 asking members of the media to label their political beliefs. Only 25 percent said that they were liberal, while 10 percent refused to answer.

The liberal media myth is perpetuated by the right wing because if the general public believes that the media spins things to the left, they will be more reluctant to believe pro-left wing media and more likely to accept conservative ideas.

Some Republicans have even admitted this in the past. In 1992 Rich Bond, who was then chair of the Republican Party, told the AP, "I think we know who the media want to win this election - and it's not George Bush."

Later that year, Bond said, "There is some strategy to [bashing the 'liberal' media]. If you watch any great coach, what they try to do is 'work the refs.' Maybe the ref will cut you a little slack on the next one."

Next time someone tells you the media has a liberal slant, remember that it's only a way to spin the public opinion over to the right.

And it's working, just ask Ann Coulter.

Saying goodbye is not easy

BY ELIZABETH WILKINSON
Chief Copy Editor

In July, I had to say goodbye to one of my best friends of 16 years.

My parents got Shadow for my brother and me when I was only four years old. It may seem silly to say my dog was one of my best friends, but she was. When my human friends and I fought as children, Shadow was there to make it better. When I broke up with my first boyfriend, she was there.

She always knew when someone just needed someone there, even if she was a dog.

People who have dogs know what I am talking about. It was great to come home and have this little black mutt be so happy to see me. It was so much fun to run around playing with her as a kid.

She was made for a house with children. She was so hyper as a puppy that my parents almost got rid of her. We are all thankful she calmed down and we kept her. She was an all around great dog, the best pet I've ever had, actually.

The worst part of being a pet owner is seeing your pet sick and dying. It was hard when the dog that used to jump six feet in the air could no longer make it onto a chair to sit with a member of her family.

It was even sadder when she could no longer really use her back legs the way she had been able to. Her black fur turned grey on her face and ears.

She used to be a very friendly dog, and all she would do is bark at guests in my house.

The same dog that used to play all day long now slept all the time. Then one day she took a turn for the worst, and we knew what we had to do.

We put Shadow to sleep. It was the hardest and saddest decision we've made in my house in many years. We all loved her. She was having strokes and she was miserable.

We had to put her out of her misery. I cried all day.

To this day, certain commercials or dog toys will remind me of her and it will bring a tear to my eye. I miss that stupid mutt, I really do.

I guess the point I'm trying to make is sometimes, the best decision is the hardest. If, I had my way I'd go home tonight and a bouncing, happy Shadow would greet me at the door.

But that wasn't the way it worked out. I had to let her go, despite the pain. Letting go is the best option sometimes.

There will never be a day I don't miss her in some way. I don't regret our choice though.

I just hope it's true that "All dogs go to heaven," because Shadow deserves it.

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Smell the smoke?

BY RICK HOLTZ
Editor in Chief

An activist judge in San Francisco, with one major decision rendered from his bench, turned back the clock on a subject that many Americans held close to their heart.

Citing precedence as the reason to rule, U.S. District Judge Lawrence Karlton set into motion something that will be felt for years to come. For those of you who have not heard, the Pledge of Allegiance has been ruled unconstitutional when recited in public schools.

I absolutely love how we live in a time where tolerance means trampling the rights of others. Michael Newdow, an atheist, sued before and lost. Now Newdow filed another lawsuit, this time on behalf of three unnamed children and parents.

Newdow is entitled to his beliefs, but for him to push his beliefs onto the rest of the nation is not very tolerant at all. And to think all of this is because a judge decided that precedence was more important than doing what is right.

As a nation, whether you believe in God or not, you had better hope that this decision is overturned on appeal. If not, it will become the rule of the land.

The precedent which will be set from this case is bigger than you are thinking. Stop for a second and think of what will be affected by this case.

If the pledge is unconstitutional because of "one nation, under God," then you'd better start burning your money.

That's right, your money says "In God we Trust."

Somebody hand me a torch, I'll light the fire.

How much money will it cost to take "In God we Trust" off all of the currency in this country? It sure will not be cheap.

Do you see the irony here? It will cost money to change all the money. But hey, who am I to argue with precedent?

While we are on the subject of money, how much money will it take to close down Arlington National Cemetery? All of those crosses marking where fallen soldiers are might offend someone, better remove them, after-all crosses are religious symbols.

Is the memory of someone who died for their country worth more than someone's feeling that may be hurt? Apparently not, at least it is not with this new precedent.

Is this starting a fire under you yet, no? Then I will give it one more try.

It was not too long ago that the popular belief, or precedent, said that racism was ok. Segregation was an acceptable practice in the early 20th century.

That being said, do you think that all precedence can be good? Obviously, that is not the case.

Racism was wrong then and it is still wrong today. The fact that people accepted it as a way of life does not make it correct.

Just because an atheist thinks the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional doesn't make it true. The pledge is not a pledge to God, or any one person.

It is a pledge of allegiance to this nation and if you cannot handle that, then you can move to Canada.

H2-Oh yeah

BY LINDA MERRICK
Production Manager

Water is very important in our lives. It is what keeps us alive and kicking. Water is not only good for drinking and keeping us healthy but it is also good for taking baths and keeping good hygiene.

Water comes in many forms; liquid, ice, and steam. I prefer liquid because I like to drink water and swim. Water also comes from a faucet, from a well, from a geyser, from a lake, from a river, from an ocean, from a sea, from a pool, from a pond, and from a puddle.

Water can be entertaining as well. Playing with water guns, swimming in a pool, going to a water park, or running through a sprinkler can be great fun.

Water is also a part of some people's jobs. Firemen use it everyday to put out fires. Sanitation plants sterilize the water so that we are able to drink water without getting sick. Lifeguards protect us from water when water gets the best of us.

Water takes up to 60 percent of the human body. Our brains are composed of 70 percent water, and the lungs are nearly 90 percent water. About 83 percent of our blood is water.

Water is in everything we eat and drink. Ramen noodles could not be possible without water. Our fruits and vegetables could not grow without water. Just pick up the label of any drink: such as juice, pop, or coffee. One of the very first ingredients of these drinks is water.

Water is a beautiful part of nature. Just sitting on the beach by a lake or an ocean and seeing the pretty blue water can be very tranquilizing. Watching a beautiful waterfall can be mesmerizing.

Water is a great place for many animals to hang out. Of course fish love it and swim all day in all parts of the world. In colder areas there are penguins and polar bear who like to relax and play in water. In other areas ducks and flamingos like to wade or stand in water. Of course all animals also survive on water like we do. Camels even store water in their humps for later use.

Water is a great way to pass time for sport lovers as well. There is water volleyball, water polo, water basketball, and Marco Polo. For the daredevils there is surfing and water skiing. And of course there is old fashion swimming. There are many different ways of swimming as well. Breast stroke, butterfly, relay, back stroke, and diving.

Water is swell.

Letter to the Editor

I am writing this in response to Sara Anders' letter to the editor from the September 12 edition of the Chronicle with additional comments. The following statement is misleading, "He (God) does allow consequences for sin. One of the consequences of a homosexual lifestyle, as everyone knows, is the possibility of contracting an STD."

So, when STDs are spread amongst Catholics who typically do not use protection, is that a consequence from God for being heterosexual? Anyway, STDs are more prevalent in heterosexual populations, as stated by www.infoforhealth.org.

In addition, www.physiciansforlife.org goes on to say that STDs are on the rise among heterosexuals.

Therefore, everyone should know that a consequence of having unprotected sex, gay or otherwise, is the possibility of contracting an STD. It has nothing to do with divinity.

Secondly, I was offended by this statement: "Romans 1:27 describes this consequence as 'the due penalty for their (homosexuals) perversions.'" This is simply saying that homosexuals are perverts.

It boggles the mind how student opinions that are insulting are allowed to be published in a collegiate newspaper. Racist or sexist opinions would not be tolerated, so how does an attack, religious or not; on someone's sexuality find space in the paper of a degree granting institution?

This is a place of higher learning and open-mindedness, and Sara Anders has a right to her opinion. However, the Chronicle ran this letter with no response or opposing view leaving readers with inaccurate, offensive information, albeit an opinion.

Hopefully, I am not the only one speaking up to the Chronicle about its shortcomings.

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'Over the Tavern' transcends era

BY JADE LEE CULBERSON
Senior Staff Writer

Touching and hilarious, "Over the Tavern" is a look back at 1959 New York through the eyes of playwright Tom Dudzick. In scenes that unfold in the apartment, Catholic school and chapel, Dudzick spins the yarn of a young man struggling to find a balance between the answers he seeks, the person his family needs him to be, and his own relationship with God.

Rudy Pazinski (played brilliantly by the young and exceptionally talented Trace Hamilton) is a seventh grader oppressed by his teacher, Sister Clarissa (played by the almost painfully convincing Mary Seibel). "You drive me to heart failure," Sister Clarissa says of young Rudy and his need to question the catechism, rather than simply memorizing it.

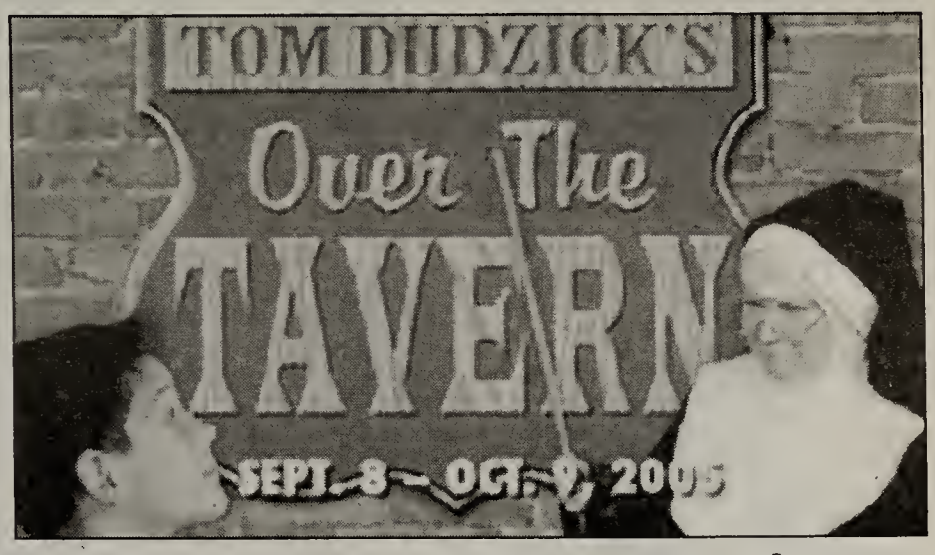
Television-enthusiast Rudy is one of several of the children living in the apartment over Chet's Bar & Grill with an overworked and overstressed father, Chet (played by an overenthusiastic Craig Spidle, who seems perpetually drunk) and a hopeful, if a bit repressed, mother, Ellen (played by Suellen Burton, who blends amazingly well with the character).

His older brother Eddie (played by the emotionally-versatile Brian Plocharczyk) is concerned with thoughts of pleasures of the flesh - and all the confusion those thoughts cause in a teenaged Catholic male. His overly dramatic but typically adolescent sister Annie (played by the lovely Katie Korby) is concerned with boys, large hair-dos, and her own self-image. Younger brother Georgie (played enthusiastically, if ineffectively, by Brandon Lambert), rounds out the group as a mentally-challenged child of indeterminate age.

Rudy sets out to challenge if perhaps God "created us to have fun" and he meets many obstacles along the way. In a week of the life of the Pazinski's, "Over the Tavern" shows the audience the determination of a young man and the importance of family - dysfunctional as it may be.

Set designers Richard and Jacqueline Penrod couldn't have done better in painting a realistic picture of the time and place. The apartment is so well laid out that each room stands out on its own during interaction, but melts away completely during minimalist school scenes where only a desk and personal props bring the audience into the interaction between Rudy and his terrifyingly strict teacher.

With only a kneeler and the careful planning of lighting designer Charles Jolls, scenes of Rudy talking to God from the chapel zero in on him so closely it seems like a movie effect. Hamilton's wonderful inflection makes these smooth transitions remarkably effective.



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'Over the Tavern' delights audiences of all ages, and students get a discounted admission.

Costume designer Judith A. Lundberg and wardrobe supervisor Paula C. Consdorf brought the era to life with the clothing of the time - complete with ugly bathrobes, traditional school uniforms, and the ever-present sweaters of the late '50s.

This is a play for all ages. With jokes that transcend the era, "Over the Tavern" reaches everyone who has ever asked "why."

"Over the Tavern" runs through Oct. 9 at Theatre at the Center, located at 1040 Ridge Road in Munster. Showings are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m., Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Ticket prices vary between $30 or $35 by show time, but students with ID always pay $16. The box office can be reached at 219/836-3255, and tickets may also be purchased through tickets.com 800/511-1552. For more information, or to buy tickets online, the website is www.theatreatthecenter.com.

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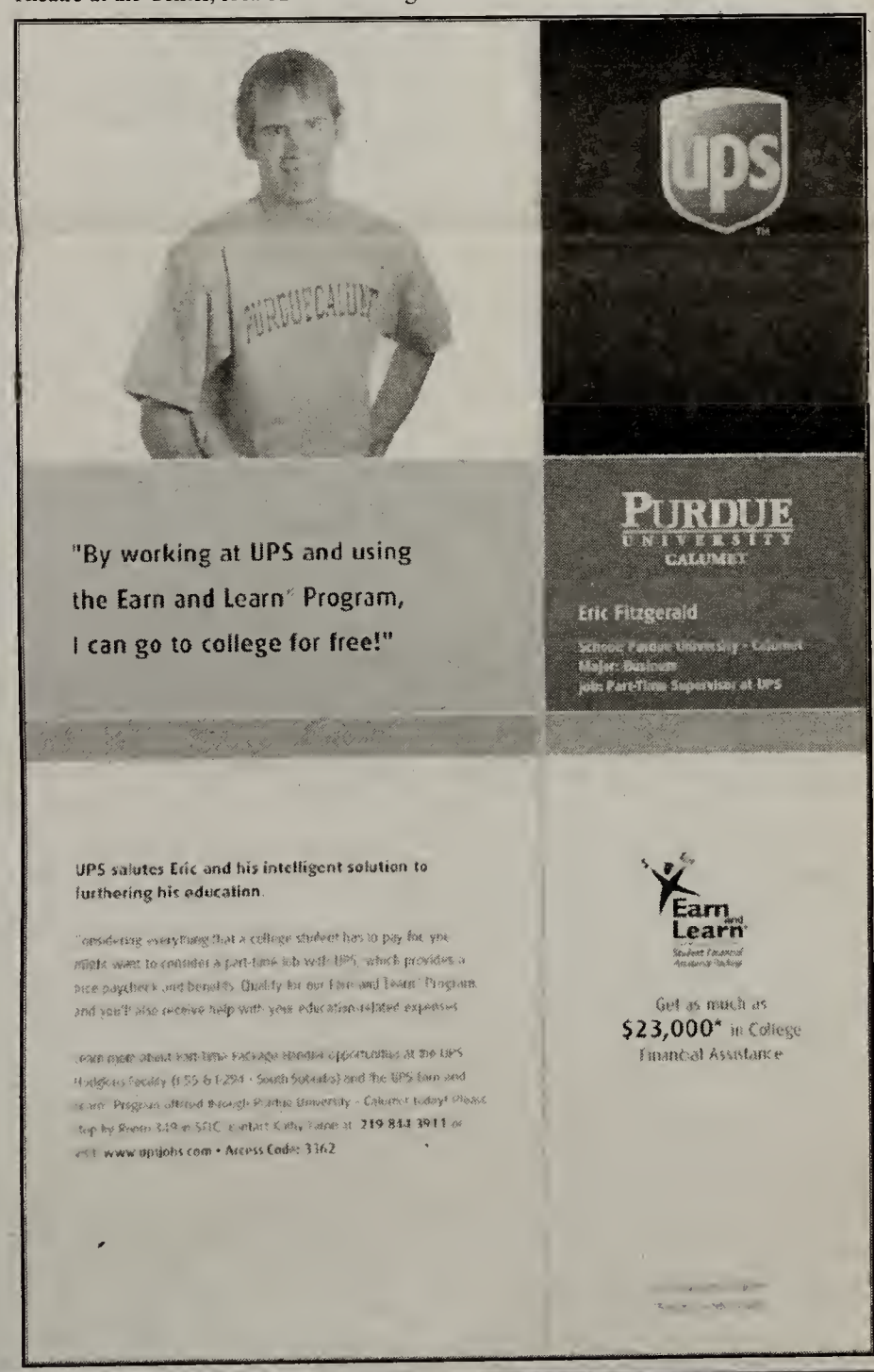
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Thank 'Sigur Ros' for 'Takk...'

BY DAVID P. FUNK
Sports Editor

When listening to Sigur Ros, one gets the impression that this music is somehow of greater importance than other experiences in sound. After listening for a while, their music has, in the past, become a bit tedious and at times even boring.

There has always been the thought that this band could become something extraordinary if they could fall off of the symbolic cliff on which they stood and reach their full potential.

The Iceland quartet may have fallen off of that cliff with Takk...

The band consists of Jón þor (Jónsi) Birgisson (vocals, guitars), Kjartan (Kjarri) Sveinsson (keyboards), Orri Páll Dýrason (drums) and Georg (Goggi) Holm (bass).

They are very creative, yet simple, in their instrumentation. Birgisson sometimes plays his guitar with a cello bow, creating a very unique sound.

His falsetto voice is equally as unique. The lyrics are sometimes written in Icelandic, sometimes in the language the band invented "hopelandic" and sometimes in nonsensical sounds that the Sigur Ros feels fit the music.

It is unnecessary to understand them. It is the sound that matters, and the sound is simply mesmerizing.

In a very un-Sigur Ros style, five of Takk...'s songs are under five minutes long. The sound is far more orchestral and sounds happier than some of the sad, lonely drones of past albums with a larger presence of vocals.

Critics who have declared the band as self-esteem-killing and depression-inducing in the past can look to Takk...'s cheerful, melodic tracks as evidence of just how wrong they were.

"Glasoli," "Milano" and "Saeglopur" are the highlights of the album. "Glasoli" begins with the sound of marching and builds into a joyful mix of vocals, drums and Birgisson's bow-stroked guitar. "Milano" is a light 10 and a half minute song with vocals nearly throughout that brings a smile to the listener's face.

"Saeglopur" is a masterpiece. It is everything that Sigur Ros fans have hoped for in the past. The song moves from piano and glockenspiel to other-worldly vocal harmony, becoming something that is truly special.

"Se Lest" is the weakest track on the album. It is long and vague and delves too far into the extraterrestrial sound that was on many of the band's previous releases.

Takk..., which means thanks in English, is a thinking-person's record.

It's not going to be playing in a club or a bar and you certainly won't hear it on pop radio. For an escape from the mundane, a more meaningful music experience, check out Takk... and check out Sigur Ros.

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Fans of Sigur Ros have been waiting for them to reach their full potential for years. They may have finally reached it with Takk..., an strange exploration in sound.

'The Exorcism of Emily Rose' acquitted of boredom

BY JADE LEE CULBERSON
Senior Staff Writer

This film is based on a true story.

It's a phrase that instantly grabs your attention and piques your interest. The audience is able to suspend their disbelief, and watch the horrors unfold secure in the knowledge that the events actually occurred. This time-honored trick has given dozens of films some much needed credibility - and more than a little boost at the box office. Of course, calling "The Exorcism of Emily Rose" a true story is a bit like calling "Babe" a real life account, just because someone, somewhere once owned a pig.

The events in the movie are based largely on the story of a German student named Anneliese Michel, and her subsequent death of starvation in July 1976. Michel believed she was possessed by the spirits of Adolf Hitler, Lucifer, and Judas Iscariot. Her parents were brought to trial alongside the priest who attempted her exorcism, and were sentenced to six months in prison. The priest was later excommunicated, and the church issued a statement denying that Michel had ever suffered demonic possession.

"The Exorcism of Emily Rose" strays far from this story as it opens an anonymous Midwestern town and introduces the audience to a small family obviously suffering greatly. A middle-aged priest arrives at the family's modest home, and memories of "The Exorcist" are naturally evoked. Passing a grim-faced doctor in the hall, the Father Moore (Tom Wilkinson) enters Emily's (Jennifer Carpenter) room to set about the task of saving her soul. The priest returns some time later to inform the grieving parents that he has failed, and Emily has died.

It's here that the film switches gears and begins to stumble. We learn that Father Moore is to stand trial for Emily's murder and the movie is suddenly an all-too-generic courtroom drama. Erin Bruner (played by Laura Linney with more charm and appeal than one could hope for) is the overworked and underappreciated stereotypical female lawyer defending Moore. She drinks too much, spends too much time focused on her work, and remains devoutly atheistic.

The rest of Emily's story is told via flashbacks as the trial progresses. Clearly, director Scott Derrickson wanted to shock the audience by showing how the once beautiful Emily was driven to this tragic end. Emily's torment and pain are palpable and sympathy-evoking, especially knowing that she won't triumph over it.

Like any flashback-based movie with court scenes, the film occasionally drags.

In spite of the fact that religious-based horror and courtroom drama don't exactly mesh well, "The Exorcism of Emily Rose" works as something new in an era of sequels and remakes. The visual effects are chilling, and are used sparingly enough by special effects directors Bill Orr and Keith VanderLann to actually provoke a reaction.

Though not a worthy successor to "The Exorcist," "The Exorcism of Emily Rose" manages to sneak by with a "not guilty" verdict.

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Ever see a book about the region?

BY DAVID P. FUNK
Sports Editor

Richard Laskowski is the author of Regionrat, a novel chronicling the lives of a group of teens living in "the Region" during 3 or 4 months in 1995.

Regionrat is available online via www.sixgallerypress.com, www.amazon.com, and www.booksurge.com. Laskowski's website is www.myspace.com/regionrat.

David P. Funk: Why did you write this book?

Richard Laskowski: I'm uncomfortable talking about writing because I feel like it's egotistical and I don't take myself to be any kind of expert on the subject, but I'll do my best.

It's something I've always wanted to do ever since I was a kid. I think a lot of people who dream of writing a novel all share this lust to be able to create a little world and play God and then be able to pull it off like some kind of professional leper. In high school, I wrote a novel (in pencil and in a series of notebooks) that fell victim to a mysterious disappearance because of my drug-chasing transient ways.

Writing a book is the most complicated thing I've ever tried to do in my entire life and it never gets any easier. The thing about writing is; there's no better quote about the craft than what Samuel Becket said: No Matter. Try again. Fail again. Fail better. So that's what I did. And seven years later, I had Regionrat published.

DPF: What comes to mind when thinking of 'the Region'?

RL: Fighting. Smoke. Drugs. Racism. Reverse Racism. Comedy. Tragedy. Hope. Despair. Lost hope. Fantasy worlds. Reality. Pollution. Litter. The influence of corny rock and television on people's character. American cars. Dead trees. Dead people. Dead hearts. Ignorant alcoholism. Churches. Danger. Traffic.

DPF: Did growing up in 'the Region' have a positive or negative impact on your life?

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"Regionrat" is Laskowski's first novel. At times, it is a sharp criticism of 'the Region.'

RL: The Region is what it is and it's certainly not the place depicted in "A Christmas Story." I've often been critical of the world that is The Region, but I totally embrace where I grew up. I love many of the people I grew up with. If it weren't for the people I've known I wouldn't be doing what I do today. I'd say The Region has had a positive influence on my writing. The Region has had a very negative influence on my life.

DPF: You obviously didn't hold back in your criticism of 'the Region' with this book. Did you ever feel guilty about painting this picture of the place where you grew up?

RL: This may come as a shock, but I do feel guilty because deep down. I feel like I did hold back on my criticism of The Region. The guilt I feel is as a writer and not having the guts to fully present my case. At the same time though, I sometimes miss being there. It's my hometown. Sometimes it's funny for me to go there and fill stacks of bar napkins with notes, but I think if I ever had to live there again I'd surely die. I can't even last 24 hours. There's just no place for me there anymore. Racism and reverse racism and crime and ignorant alcoholics and oppressive, yet useless, law enforcement just isn't cozy for me. I don't know how cops can try so hard and still not improve anybody's safety.

DPF: You wrote the book while living in Seattle. How can you write a book about 'the Region' while being so far away from 'the Region'?

RL: I spent 20 years in The Region. I knew it well enough. It's actually a lot easier to write about a place once you can remove yourself from the environment. Just like now. I live in Michigan and I'm writing about Seattle.

DPF: You still live outside 'the Region.' Think you'll ever be back?

RL: Sure. I got back from time to time to see friends. I always like going back as I'm driving there, and I always love leaving to the point of executing a desperate escape at 4 in the morning.

'Madden' brings new features to an old favorite

BY DAVID OBER
Cub Reporter

Electronic Arts Sports has done it again football fans, with the release of "Madden NFL 2006." This new rendition of the Madden pro-football experience, 16 years in the making, has brought highly anticipated features to the playing field that have never been seen before, partly because EA has exclusive possession of the NFL license.

Although it has not deviated drastically from the very popular "Madden NFL 2005," EA Sports has taken its most creative thoughts and ideas on gaming and placed them carefully into the hands of the all important consumer.

What they have given is a new and unique take on how electronic football should be played. Madden '06, rated "E" for everyone by the Entertainment Software Rating Board, has the same strong points that Madden '05, but there are also weaker areas of game-play including weak commentary and the lack of new game modes.

Some of the new features include quarterback vision control, precision passing and two brand new playing modes that throw the player into and even broader aspect of the NFL, the superstar and franchise mode.

With quarterback vision control being the largest addition to the game, it is by far the most agitating feature. The feature does add some realism to the game but the trade off is efficiency.

Basically the quarterback now has a yellow targeting cone that is a direct representation of the character's awareness level. The cone is toggled until a receiver is targeted in the quarterback's field of vision.

If the receiver is in this yellow cone the pass will be thrown with accuracy, if not the ball is fumbled.

While most game players may find this a welcomed addition there are some that will find this a total and utter hindrance to the flow of the game. This new feature seems completely redundant considering the fact that it is so much easier to utilize precision passing by selecting the primary receiver before the snap, that way the QB is already facing the direction the ball will be passed.

This saves time and anguish especially since by the time you get the receiver in the field of vision cone the quarterback is already on the ground grimacing from the blow that he just took.

So the Quarterback vision control feature is basically filler so the game seems a lot newer and less resembling of Madden 2005.

The next new feature of Madden 06' is what is called the "hit stick," which can be utilized by offensive players in order to finish off a rush with power and grace, and break through a defensive line.

The important feature that has found its way into Madden '06 is the NFL superstar feature. This feature allows the gamer to create and customize athletes and guide them through life from entering the NFL to retirement.

The superstar feature gives the player the ability to import athletes from "NCAA Football 2006" and "NFL Street 2" or create a new athlete by choosing both parents. The player also has control of various other aspects of the athlete such as hiring an agent, going to a hairstylist, and even the tattoo parlor.

The last new feature of Madden 06' is the online franchise mode which brings the gamer into the business of football. From this mode it is possible to manage ticket costs and concessions as the owner, customize a single or double elimination tournament, and create and modify a team, player, fan and playbook.

Overall "Madden NFL 2006" is as user friendly as Madden '05 but with some added tricks.

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'Rome' wasn't built in a day

BY MICHAEL FINNEY
Staff Writer

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HBO's newest series 'Rome' shows great promise, though at times it may have some historical inaccuracies.

HBO's new series "Rome" premiered three weeks ago on Sunday night.

The show is based in the era where the republic is crumbling underneath the power of the aristocracy and the military. You guessed it, "Rome" gravitates around the legendary figure of Caesar, but there are a wide ranging cast of characters.

Some characters include Plebeians, wealthy landowners, some are shallow scene-sters, slaves and military men; this is my first complaint about the show: there's not enough Caesar.

Even when he is on screen Ciaran Hinds, who plays the future emperor, is very distant and a little too mysterious. Sure there are some sections where he appears commanding and powerful and though Hinds looks the part, his character would benefit from more speech and less plot movement that revolves around the other actors.

Hopefully as the episodes come out his on-screen character will develop more out of our imaginations and turn into concrete images.

This leads us to a character that is controversial, up front and sure to be a fan favorite, Atia of Julii.

Atia, Caesar's niece and father to Octavian, played by the beautiful Polly Walker, often uses her physical attributes to the benefit of herself or household. Each episode has seen her naked and in bed with a different man. No complaints, it just seems that the producers are assigning her role pretty quickly.

As the series that'll most likely replace "The Sopranos" after its final season next year, this show wastes no time in attempting to sink its hooks into the visual senses in regards to Atia.

The show seems to devote too much time particularly to two characters that are part of Caesar's army, HBO.com even goes so far as to list them on the cast and characters section of "Rome's" partition before Caesar, and that's just foolish.

It's as if their exploits attempt to dumb down what is otherwise a very mentally elevated game of politics into something palatable for watchers who aren't interested into the chess game at hand but instead typical and mundane issues. On the contrary Octavian exemplifies the opposite often at times showing his prowess for strategy in the face of both his mother and the two soldiers mentioned earlier.

In appearance the landscapes and cityscapes in "Rome" are amazing, highly detailed and very authentic in appearance. Perhaps it's a bit superficial but another artistic aspect that would benefit from a stricter interpretation is the music.

There are many elements used that are foreign and should not be made into focal points of the compositions, for example the theme music to the opening of the show. It's very Middle Eastern or at the least Byzantine which post dates this period by nearly 400 years.

It not to say it couldn't find its way there, as all roads lead to Rome, but it seems out of place and style to my ears.

The parts of the show blend fairly well, as time progresses and more work is released I believe it will become apparent that the staff involved with creation of sets and other aspects have grown in skill.

Others such as L.A. writer Steven Rosen has said "Certainly "Rome" needs and deserves the time to develop as a series" and online critic Tom the Dog of tomethedog.blogspot.com thinks that "HBO has got another bona fide winner."

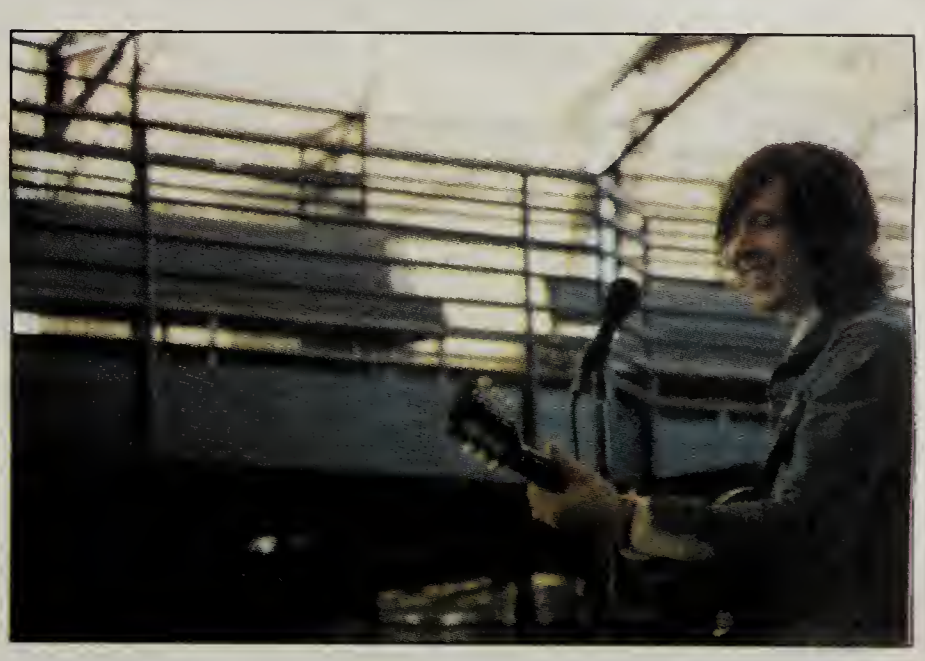
I say this, too many sex scenes and not enough battle, too much controversy and not enough real politics.

Everything else looks awesome and to date, of the examples I have seen, this rendition is sparing no expense in making a grand showing of the birth of the Empire. Of course I hope they will make a run at the impressiveness of Liz Taylor's 1963 rendition of Cleopatra when the time comes and are even now making a good showing in support of doing just that.

Though at times the actors' speech and humor are overwhelmingly British in this co-produced HBO and BBC effort, I am going to keep watching, this story is worth the time on both the side of those creating the show and the viewers.

A unique experience both on and off stage

BY ALEXIS WOLTERS
Cub Reporter



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Ben Kweller showed a different side to fans of his mellow album at Lollapalooza this summer.

This summer I was fortunate enough to attend one of the most amazing music festivals in Chicago. That's right, I am talking about Lollapalooza. Not too many people I know would consider it fun to sit in the unbearable heat to watch people play live music, but what do they know?

Unless you love and appreciate music, this weekend wouldn't have meant a thing to you. I love music, so this weekend was very special to me and turned out to be spectacular.

I was lucky enough to get a weekend pass to the show, so I planned my entire weekend around it. I think I went online to the website everyday to keep updated on the all the bands that would be at this year's show.

Many bands, both MTV mainstreamers and underground favorites, were represented at this show. There was even a winner from Lollapalooza's first-ever sponsered Battle of the Bands playing.

One day, I noticed that Ben Kweller would be performing as part of the Sunday lineup.

I had first heard of Ben Kweller from a previous friend and would usually hear his music on the radio. It was good, but I never really thought much of it. When I found out that he was playing Lollapalooza, I decided to order his first album, "Sha Sha," from Amazon.

I received the album two days before the actual festival and immediately began listening to it. I literally could no stop listening to it. The album is remarkable and has a great setup. I didn't find one song that I wanted to skip. This made me really excited for the show.

Simply put, Ben Kweller is amazing live. He mainly played tracks off of the first album. For the whole forty-five minute set, he had my complete attention and rocked. I did not want to miss out on one part of it.

After a sweet rendition of his song, "Wasted and Ready," which he dedicated to all the ladies, he went into his final song. The grand finale came when Kweller did a ten minute guitar solo. It was truly amazing to watch.

I have had trouble choosing which Kweller I liked better: Kweller Live or Kweller on the album. They are two totally different sounds; the live Kweller having a lot more harder and faster sound and the album Kweller having a lighter, more mellow rock sound.

Though each experience was different, they seemed to balance out and create the perfect musician. Both sounds creates a unique experienced not to be missed by any music lover. Whether I am listening to him in my car or watching him live, I can always enjoy his sound.

I am glad that I purchased his first album and am anxious to purchase his latest release, "On My Way." Far as I am concerned, there will always be room for Ben Kweller in my cd player.

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Somebody answer the phone

BY AMANDA MORRIS
Cub Reporter

Cell phones have become a popular accessory for today's youth. Some use them only out of necessity, but more seem to have them attached to their hip 24/7.

With so many cell phone services available today, it can be difficult to decide which one to choose.

There are some important things to look for when selecting a cell phone provider. Affordability is an important factor to consider, but according to www.mobiledia.com, reception reliability should be the most important feature. It may cost a few extra dollars a month, but in the long run it may ensure a better purchase.

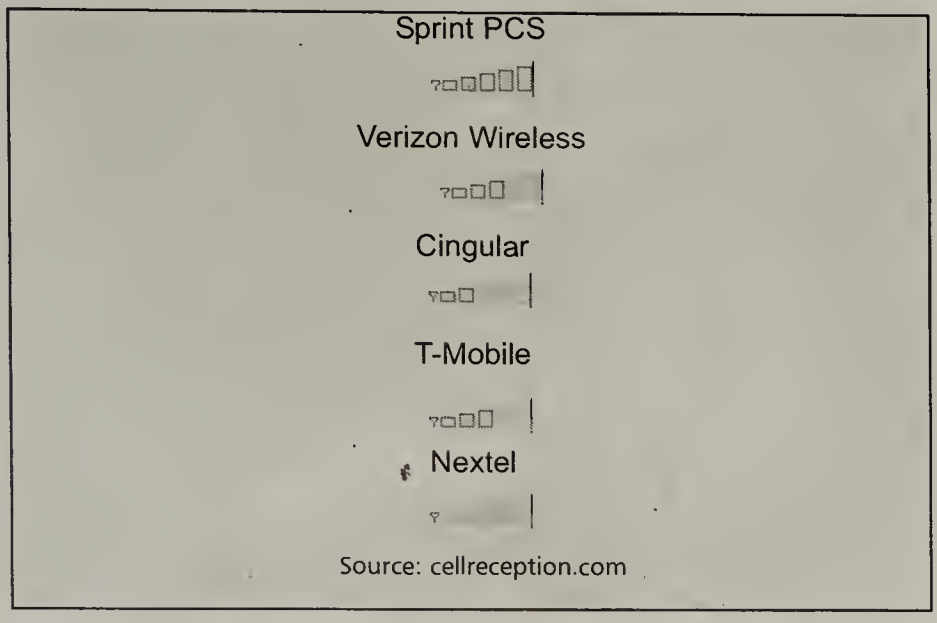
One way to research is to talk to friends or family. Students on campus were more than willing to share their personal experiences with various providers.

Josh Means, a junior in hospitality management, has Sprint as his cell phone carrier. When asked about whether or not his service is reliable he said, "It works good around this area, but down south I receive no service."

He also added that he would recommend it to his friends and family.

Carlyn Grow, a sophomore in child and family services, uses T-Mobile.

"They have pretty good offers, but not the best reception in some areas," said Grow who felt that the good deals compensated for the reception.



Dustin Queen, a freshman whose major is undecided, chose Verizon Wireless. Queen seemed happy with his service and felt that overall it was better than most of his friends'.

Talking to others can be helpful, but each student had a different opinion proving that when it comes to making a decision it is best to research as much as possible.

An additional way to learn more about cell phone services is to research them on the Internet. Investigating carriers online is usually hassle-free. Plans and features can be displayed at all major providers' web pages. There are also dozens of sites that offer information about many different cell phone services, and a few even make comparisons of providers and phones, such as www.cell-reception.com.

This site provides consumers with location of towers, comparisons and descriptions of phones and plans, and comparisons of the reception of providers, just by typing in a ZIP code.

A good cell phone can last a long time, and many providers require a 1-2 year agreement. So while it may be tempting to run out and buy a cell phone, researching the purchase can prove to be beneficial.

Peregrines Holla Back...

What is the best excuse you have ever used to ditch class?

"My parents got into a car accident."

Ryan Hollis, freshman, nursing

"I have a headache"

Lindsay Jones, freshman, nursing

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they will often e-mail him to share their contribution and so far, nearly $12 thousand has been raised.

"I enjoy getting the e-mails saying what's up," said Hofstetter in a telephone interview with The Chronicle. "But the most important thing is that they send a few bucks."

Although he had a fraternity brother who lost his home in Slidell, LA, Hofstetter stressed that he would have been just as moved by the tragedy.

"I was on the other side of this," said Hofstetter, who was living in New York when 9/11 occurred. "It changes you."

Hofstetter believes that everyone can relate to a time in their lives when they needed help. He encourages the students at PUC to get involved and help those in need. Students can request to be Hofstetter's friend on facebook.com or simply visit the official website of any charitable organization to make a donation.

"When donations are made it should simply be to help, not to get credit," said Hofstetter who added, "I would rather them make (a donation) and feel good about themselves."

From Steve Hofstetter's Facebook account...

As you know, this week has been devastating for people in many areas of Louisiana and Mississippi. Over a hundred are dead, and tens of thousands are displaced. The damage will take years to fix, and many people who lived through it lost everything they owned. I am emailing all my facebook friends to ask you to help.

I have 3,677 facebook friends in LA and MS. I am donating one cent to the Red Cross for each friend I have in the region, and I will do it again on 9/11. And I know you don't have that many friends in the area. But I encourage you to donate your two cents for each friend you have. If you have 300 friends, you'll be donating $6. But if all of my facebook friends do it, that's over a million dollars in aid.

To donate, please visit http://www.redcross.org/donate/donation-form.asp or any of the other organizations raising money for this cause.

I hope you find the ability to help.

Steve Hofstetter

Fitness

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during the program. "Body Under Construction" is an incentive to workout 3 times a week and lose weight healthily. Members are weighed once a week to track their progress.

Membership to the gym also gives users access to classes offered at the Fitness Center. These classes include an express workout, yoga and Pilates. Classes are offered at various times throughout the week, and some cost extra to join. There are two sessions of classes throughout the semester for specialized classes, with the next beginning October 24.

Also offered at the Fitness Center are seminars such as "Final Tune-Up for Fall Frolic: What to Do with 2 Weeks to Go" and "Natural Weight Loss Solution: Learn About the 6 Most Common Weight Loss Road Blocks."

The fitness center also sponsors programs to educate PUC students about drugs, alcohol, AIDS and other information each semester. For faculty, they offer blood-screening programs, which help to determine general health, each year as well as exercise and nutritional awareness programs aimed at faculty. In addition to many intramural sports, the Fitness Center is home to PUC's basketball teams, cheerleading squad and dance team.

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White Sox pitching will carry them through

BY BRANDON THOMAS
Cub Reporter

Many things come to mind when people think of Chicago Sports; some may be reminded of the 1985 Bear's Super Bowl Shuffle, others may think of Jordan's Dynasty with the Bulls, and still others might look to the "The Cubbie Blue" playing at historic Wrigley Field.

The thought of the Chicago White Sox would probably not be what most people would ponder when they were thinking about The Windy City. 2005 turned out to be the exception to this rule. Ozzie Guillen has led the Sox into a torrid streak of success this season and the Major League's best record.

The White Sox had eventually cooled down following the All-Star Break. They have been up and down as of late, recently winning seven straight, then dropping the next four.

It may seem as though the White Sox have had a bit of a rollercoaster season. But, they have maintained the American League's best record throughout its entirety.

"You have ups and downs throughout a 162 game schedule," said White Sox left-fielder Scott Podsednik to chicagowhitesox.com.

Still, spectators seem to be concerned with their ability to beat teams in the playoffs.

On the season, the South-siders have been consistently among the American League's top pitching staff's. Mark Buehrle (15-7), Jon Garland (17-9) and Freddy Garcia (12-7) have been dominating American League hitters. Orlando Hernandez and Jose Contreras have a combined 20-16 record to round out the pitching rotation, which contributes to the White Sox hold on the American League Central. The Sox starting pitching should prove to be a very big advantage in the playoffs.

Additionally, the White Sox relief pitching has been nothing less than stellar, sporting some of the best numbers in the Major Leagues. Lefthander Neal Cotts (1.99 ERA) and Righthander Cliff Politte (2.11 ERA) have made the late innings very difficult for many opposing teams.

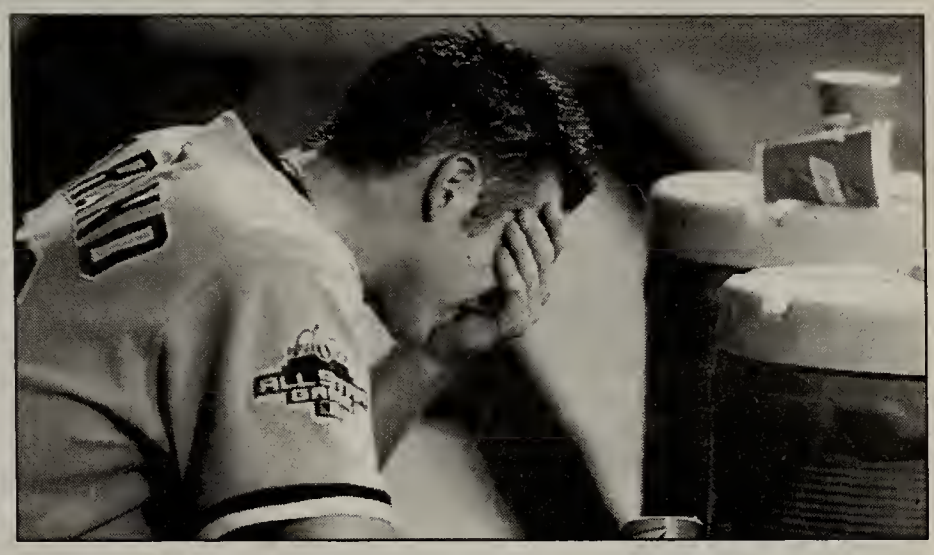
Closer Dustin Hermanson's 34 saves with only two blown, has also greatly attributed to its highly effective pitching.

Their defense has also given the pitching a lot of help, attributing to much of their success.

Even though the White Sox pitching and defense have been very consistent this season, their hitting has proved sub-par. While Chicago has become fourth in the American League in offense, they have been insufficient in scoring runs on the season.

At the beginning of the year, Guillen had his club executing hit and runs, stealing bases and moving runners along with sacrifices, allowing the Sox to produce enough runs to win ball games.

But since the All-Star break, the Sox' fundamental technique has been going to the way side and the White Sox pitching has been receiving poor run support from their bat-swinging teammates.



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Jon Garland has been a welcome surprise for Sox fans this year. Garland has anchored the starting rotation by stepping up and getting the big win.

Chicago has received limited attention from the press, and still seem to cause doubt in the minds of the "experts." But considering the White Sox's superior stats and tendency to win close ball games, they seem to have a good chance to win in the playoffs.

With these two things in mind, what they may do in the playoffs is very hard to determine.

"I think you prepare mentally better when you're in the pennant race and you're going to face teams in the pennant race, also," Guillen told chicagowhitesox.com.

Things have been cooling off of late. The Sox were recently swept by the Anaheim Angels, a likely playoff team. John Garland has only 2 wins since August 1.

Hopes are still high in the minds of the south side loyalists. Rookie starting pitcher Brandon McCarthy has added a breath of fresh air. His recent success should add a bit of depth to the roster, be he in the bullpen or rotation.

The Sox success will depend on their pitching and ability to score runs. If the Sox pull out a pennant for the American League, they may change the way some people think about Chicago sports.

The Chronicle's week three NFL picks

SUN, SEP 25	TIME	TV	PICK
Cincinnati at Chicago	12:00 PM	CBS	Bears by 4
Atlanta at Buffalo	12:00 PM	Fox	Falcons by 7
Cleveland at Indianapolis	12:00 PM	CBS	Colts by 10
Tampa Bay at Green Bay	12:00 PM	Fox	Bucs by 6
Jacksonville at NY Jets	12:00 PM	CBS	Jags by 2
Oakland at Philadelphia	12:00 PM	CBS	Eagles by 9
Tennessee at St. Louis	12:00 PM	CBS	Rams by 3
Carolina at Miami	12:00 PM	Fox	Panthers by 8
New Orleans at Minnesota	12:00 PM	Fox	Vikings by 6
Arizona at Seattle	5:05 PM	Fox	Cardinals by 3
Dallas at San Francisco	5:05 PM	Fox	Cowboys by 14
New England at Pittsburgh	5:15 PM	CBS	Steelers by 1
NY Giants at San Diego	7:30 PM	ESPN	Chargers by 5
MON, SEP 26	**TIME**	**TV**	**PICK**
Kansas City at Denver	7:00 PM	ABC	Chiefs by 10

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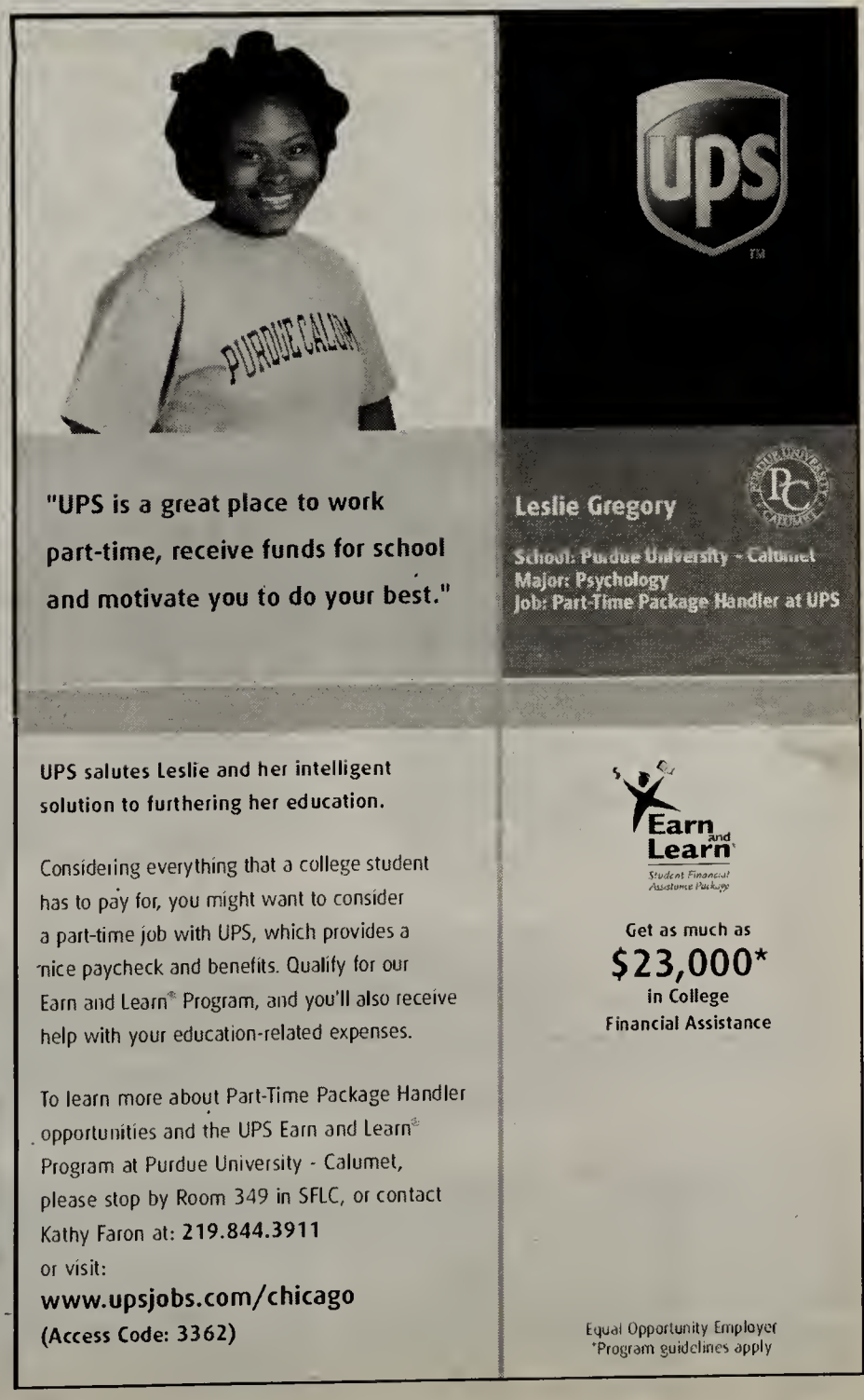
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Things get exciting as NASCAR chase begins

BY CHRIS ZACNY
Staff Writer

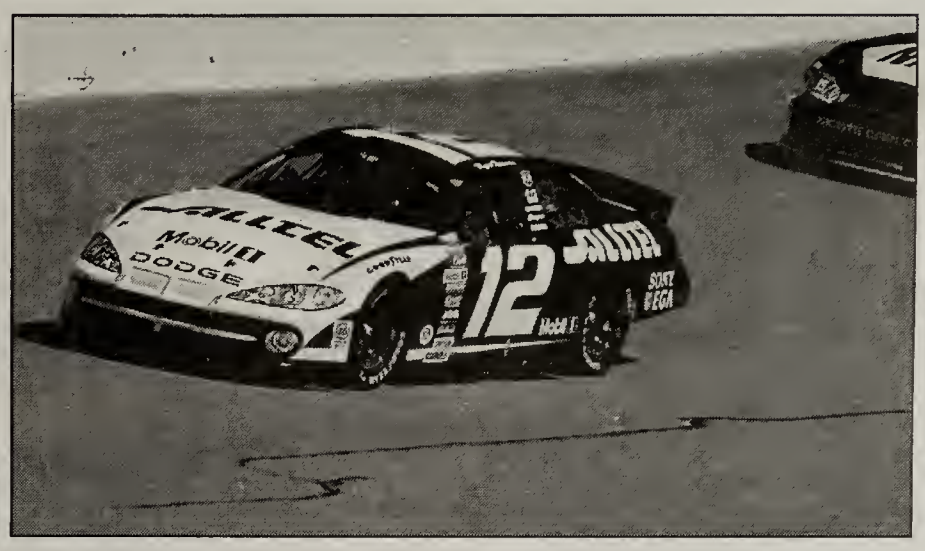
The final spots for the Nextel Cup, Chase to the Cup have been filled and Jack Roush owns five of the 10 cars that have a chance for the championship.

. "I'm really excited about taking this group of five to the final 10 races," Roush told nascar.com.

Kurt Busch the 2005 champ, Matt Kenseth the 2003 champ and Greg Biffle have all wrapped up a position after a strong second half finish. Biffle will start with the best position, starting five points behind the leader of the Chase, Tony Stewart.

Stewart dominated the entire season but will loose ground due to the structure of the Chase. The 10 race season playoff starts by separating each driver by five points. So the second position is only five points behind the first, the third is five points behind the second, the fourth five points behind the third and so on.

Kurt Busch will start fifth behind Jimmy Johnson. Johnson will be missing his teammate and probably the most popular in the circuit Jeff Gordon. Gordon failed to qualify for the Chase after a disappointing performance at Richmond. He and the other most popular driver on the circuit, Dale Earnhardt Jr., can finish no higher than eleventh. Jr. really is the biggest surprise of the season because he was the favorite to win at the beginning of the season.



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"Rocket Man" Ryan Newman, a graduate of Purdue - West Lafayette, is just one of 10 drivers still competing for the Nextel Cup.

Rusty Wallace will start third in his last season as a driver. Wallace won the rookie of the year in 1984 and will look for the same magic from 1989 when he won the NASCAR championship.

Mark Martin, another Roush driver, will be retiring at the end of the year and will start sixth in the chase. Martin has been the runner up four times for the championship and will look to put luck on his side one last time.

Starting seventh will be Dodge driver Jeremy Mayfield. Mayfield has had an impressive year staying in the top ten for most of the second half.

Another Roush racer, Carl Edwards, will start eighth and has stayed in the top 10 this season for 16 weeks.

Kenseth will start ninth in front of the last driver, Ryan Newman. Newman graduated from Purdue and is nicknamed Rocket Man for his unusual talent of always starting in the pole position.

"It should be every man for himself, but you never know how the team situation may play out," said Newman in an interview with nascar.com.

'Cats advance to championship in first time around

BY CALVIN DAVIS
Cub Reporter

Practically everyone from the region is a fan of the Cubs or the White Sox. Couple that with the recent success of the White Sox, and region baseball fans' alliances are all tied up leaving no space for the team that their tax dollars paid for, the Gary SouthShore RailCats.

In their third year of existence the RailCats made the playoffs, won their division and even managed to get two team members on the All-Star team. Most important though, they made it into the playoffs and won.

The RailCats really began making their push for the playoffs in mid-August through the end of the season, winning seven out of their last 10. They finished first in their division, posting a season record of 54-42. That record was enough to earn them home field advantage in their first ever playoff series against the defending league champion St. Paul Saints. The series went all the way to a fifth and deciding game after the two teams split the first two in St. Paul. The RailCats went on to win two out of three at home to earn themselves a spot in the championship series against the Fargo-Moorehead Redhawks.

The Redhawks' lineup is loaded, boasting five players who made the Northern League All-Star team. One of which is their star pitcher Brandon Culp who is an amazing 16-0 since the All-Star break.

The Redhawks are the cream of the crop in the Northern League winning 27 of their last 28 and posting a 40-7 record during the second half of the season.

The RailCats organization is optimistic though.

Despite losing three games to the Hawks early in the season, RailCats Facility Manager Mike Figg insists that "the playoffs are a whole other ball game."

Figg has been with the organization since its inaugural season in 2003 and has experienced the lows of going through two consecutive losing seasons.

"Most baseball organizations start off with a three year plan," said Figg.

With that in mind, this year's season was right on schedule. The organization's success extended off the playing field as well.

General Manager & VP Roger Wexelberg was named 2005 Northern League Executive of the year. His decision to replace previous manage Gary Templeton with new manager Greg Tagert paid off immediately.

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The Gary RailCat have taken great strides in the past three seasons. The team finished with a record of 54-42 and a playoff appearance in 2005.

The championship series started last Tuesday in Fargo and the RailCats lost both games 5-1 and 5-2.

It's been a long road from two consecutive losing seasons to an appearance in the Northern League Championship Series. Regardless of how this series ends this season was a major success for the RailCats.

Sure it's minor league baseball but winning is winning. Team love affairs have to start somewhere and considering that the Cubs are 20 games out of first place, this is a good time to hop on the RailCats bandwagon.

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Bengals come looking for revenge

The Bears look to tie the all-time series record at four games a piece as Chicago renews its rivalry with Cincinnati.

BY WILLIAM LINGVAY
Staff Writer

On Sunday, the Bears will play host to the Cincinnati Bengals. The Bears trail in the all-time series 4-3 and are trailing 3-1 at home.

They will have a tough time containing 2003 top overall pick, Carson Palmer. Palmer is in his second year as Cincinnati's starting quarterback. Last year, he passed for over 2,800 yards and had 18 touchdowns to go along with 18 interceptions.

Cincinnati has two outstanding wide outs that will prove to be a tough challenge for the excellent Bears defense. The anchor of their wide-out corps is veteran Chad Johnson. He has 25 career touchdown receptions and over 4,000 yards receiving.

T.J. Houshmandzadeh is in his fourth year with the team. Houshmanzadeh had a career year in 2004 when he had 978 yards receiving and four touchdown receptions.

The Bengals also have an explosive running back in Rudi Johnson. He had a breakout year last year, taking over for the departed Corey Dillon, who is now in the New England Patriots backfield. In his first year as a starting running back, Johnson rushed for 1,454 yards and 12 touchdowns.

The last time the two teams met was 2001, when the Bears won the NFC Central title and defeated Cincinnati in that game 24-0.

On September 11, against the Redskins, the Bears defense came up huge despite losing the game. They had three sacks and one interception. They held Washington to a total of 175 yards passing and 164 rushing.

Palmer lit up the Cleveland Browns for 250 yards passing and two scores, while being sacked twice.

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Bengal's wide receiver Chad Johnson will be coming to town hoping to help push Cincinnati back into the playoffs for the first time since 1990.

The Bengals have not made the playoffs since 1990 nor had a winning record in the same span.

However, in two seasons with Marvin Lewis as head coach they have played .500 football, going 16-16.

What the Funk...

Don't throw in the towel just yet, Bears fans

BY DAVID P. FUNK
Sports Editor

Listening to sports radio, watching *sports television, reading the sports section* in the papers or reading sports magazines one would get the impression that the Bears have already lost any chance at a playoff spot.

With a loss the first week of the season against the Washington Redskins, a team with an outstanding defense, the pessimism in fans and media alike is completely unfounded.

The Bear's defense lived up to its billing, only giving up nine points and forcing three turnovers. Many have said that the defensive line was pushed around by the bigger, stronger Washington offensive line. That may be true, but I still think the defensive line played pretty well putting pressure on the quarterback throughout the game and allowing linebacker Brian Urlacher to roam and do what he does best; get to the ball.

Urlacher had nine tackles and a sack. That is because the defensive line prevented blockers from getting to him, thus letting him use his speed and athleticism to make plays. Adewale Ogunleye built on his outstanding preseason with a sack and five tackles, being in the backfield often.

I've heard many on talk radio discussing whether or not rookie quarterback Kyle Orton is ever going to get it. I actually heard those words; "is he ever going to get it?"

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Do not count out this Bears team too quickly. With a stingy defense, opposing offensive coordinators will be left stratching their heads.

The kid has played in one NFL game. Before that, he had only played with the first team offense for two possessions during the preseason. He spent all of camp as the number three quarterback.

Did these people expect him to make the Pro Bowl?

The Redskins have a talented defense with Sean Taylor, Shawn Springs, Warrick Holdman, Lavar Arrington and company. Washington fans will by no means be watching an average defense in 2005. Was the rookie quarterback expected to throw for 300 yards and five touchdowns against these guys?

And despite all of these things being stacked against Orton, I think he played pretty well. He did not make many mistakes. He made some tough throws and had a lot of passes dropped by his receivers.

But more than that, when Orton finally got into a little bit of a rhythm, a must for a quarterback, the Bears' veterans on the offensive line let him down. It was third and eight in the third quarter when Fred Miller committed a false start penalty. Then, it was John Tait's turn. Then, a false start was called on Ruben Brown. And all of the sudden, it was third and 38 and any momentum the Bears may have had was gone.

Orton cannot be blamed for this. It's the product of the coaching staff not getting enough playing time for Orton with the first team offensive line. There was no chemistry and the linemen probably weren't used to Orton's calls at the line.

Chemistry will come as the team plays together and Orton is only going to get better. The defense is already where it needs to be and will continue to play well all year. Once the ball really gets rolling with this season, the Bears will be a solid NFL squad and a force to be reckoned with in the NFC North.

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Irish mush to play Willingham, Huskies

Notre Dame travels to Seattle and takes on former coach Willingham in a much anticipated matchup

BY BILL OCIEPKA
Staff Writer

When Notre Dame scheduled Washington for the 2005 season, they created a highly anticipated game.

The Irish will travel to Seattle, Washington on September 24 to battle the Washington Huskies and former Irish coach Tyrone Willingham.

Notre Dame opened the year by destroying Pittsburgh 42-21 and then upsetting the Michigan Wolverines in the Big House 17-10. New head coach Charlie Weis won his first two road games at Notre Dame, making him the first coach to do so since Knute Rockne did it in 1918.

The Irish are led by junior quarterback Brady Quinn and sophomore running back Darius Walker. Through the first two games of the year the Irish are out rushing their opponents by a little over 80 yards a game.

The second quarter in their first two games is when the Irish took control. They have outscored both Pittsburgh and Michigan a combined 35-6 in the second quarter, while not giving up any points in the third quarter. Valparaiso product Jeff Samardzija leads the receiving corps with two touchdowns.

Notre Dame is led on defense by junior linebacker Tom Zbikowski and senior linebacker Brandon Hoyte. Zbikowski has two interceptions and Hoyte is leading the team in tackles with 21.

The Huskies opened up the year with two straight losses. They lost to Air Force 20-17 in the opener and then they were trounced by California 56-17.

The Huskies are led by quarterback Isaiah Stanback and junior wide out Sonny Shackelford. Stanback won the starting quarterback position on August 30 over transfer Johnny Durocher.

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Brady Quinn will attack Washington by air, while Darius Walker, right, will try to grind down the Huskie defense as part of the Irish rushing attack.

Linebacker Evan Benjamin leads the Huskies on defense with 21 tackles and three sacks. There is no doubt Tyrone Willingham has his work cut for him because the Huskies still have to play UCLA, USC and Arizona State in Pac-10 play.

Notre Dame also has a tough schedule upcoming. They play Purdue, USC, Tennessee and Syracuse. They have the luxary of playing all of those games at home except for when they travel to West Lafayette to play the Boilers.

The Chronicle's Big Ten (plus Notre Dame) Picks

Saturday, September 24	TIME	TV	PICK
Iowa at Ohio State	11:00 AM	ABC	Ohio State by 7
Purdue at Minnesota	11:00 AM		Purdue by 14
Penn State at Northwestern	11:00 AM		Penn State by 14
Michigan at Wisconsin	5:00 PM	ESPN2	Michigan by 8
Notre Dame at Washington	2:30 PM	ABC	Notre Dame by 22
Sunday, September 25	TIME	TV	PICK
Michigan State at Illinois	11:00 AM		Michigan State by 12

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Boilers visit Metrodome to play Gophers

BY DAVID P. FUNK
Sports Editor

The Gopher defense doesn't have a lot of household names, but it is competitive and does well against the pass.

After going into the season with fans and media talking national championship, the Purdue Boilermaker football team has seen the hype die down a bit after a mediocre showing in the early going.

On Saturday, the Boilers will head north to face the Golden Gophers of Minnesota with the thoughts of bringing some of that Bowl Championship Series talk back to West Lafayette.

Minnesota is anchored by a balanced offense.

Lawrence Maroney is finally the primary ball carrier after spending the last two years sharing the runningback duties with Marion Barber III, who was drafted into the NFL by the Dallas Cowboys. Gary Russell is there to give Maroney a breather from time to time, but Maroney gets the significant majority of carries. Both are solid backs with good vision.

The Gopher offensive line can be dominant at times, opening large holes for Maroney and Russell to run through. Senior center Greg Eslinger may be the best lineman in the country.

Brian Cupito is in his second season starting in the Metrodome. He is a solid college quarterback and has looked good in the early going.

Minnesota special teams are up in the air as two freshmen, Jason Giannini and Joel Monroe, have been battling for the starting kicker job.

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The Boilermakers have changed up their usual "basketball on grass" offense a bit this year. They've inserted more running plays and some trickery to better suit red shirt junior quarterback Brandon Kirsch, who's more athletic than his predecessor, Kyle Orton, now starting quarterback for the Chicago Bears.

Purdue's defense is led by safety Bernard Pollard, a hard-hitting junior out of Fort Wayne. Pollard is on the short list of candidates for the Jim Thorpe Award (best defensive back).

Head coach Joe Tiller has several NFL prospects on his team, a far cry from the Purdue recruiting classes of the recent past. The Boilers are certainly more talented than their counterparts from Minnesota.

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The Boilermaker defense will face a big test in Greg Eslinger and the Minnesota offensive line.

The game will not be televised, despite Purdue's high ranking in all polls. It will be the third consecutive game Purdue fans will not be able to catch the game without seeing it in person.

Tuna Solid: a Monday night preview

BY DAVID ASHCRAFT
Cub Reporter

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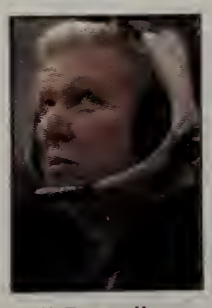
Drew Bledsoe is reunited with Bill Parcells. Parcells hope Bledsoe is the quarterback he's been missing in Big D.

Lobster tails and hot melted butter, apple pie and French vanilla ice cream, mashed potatoes and gravy; some things are just meant to go together. Week two's Monday night football game is no *exception, with the Washington* Redskins squaring off against the Dallas Cowboys.

The Cowboys are coming off as a big win over the San Diego Chargers and the Redskins are coming off a big win, well at least a win, over the Chicago Bears.

The game being in Dallas gives the Cowboys home field advantage to go along with some of the other advantages they have going into the contest.

Reunited and it feels so Drew; quarterback Drew Bledsoe and head coach Bill Parcells are back together again for the first time since their New England days. Parcells drafted Bledsoe in the first round way back in 1993. Bledsoe still has the talent and the leadership to lead his current team to victory.



Bill Parcells

It doesn't hurt that Bledsoe has the talented wide receiver, Keyshawn Johnson, on his team, as well. "Key" may not have the all around talent Michael Irvin had but the attitude is there. He has yet to utilize his talent to its full potential.

Two things that don't go well together are Patrick Ramsey and Lance Briggs. The Redskin quarterback had his neck wrung by the Bears linebacker. Ramsey has a sprained neck and is questionable for Monday's game.

"We will see how everybody heals up, and I will sit and look at it and decide what we are going to do," Redskin Coach Joe Gibbs said to the AP's Joe White.

With what appears to be a limited passing game, the Redskins' running back Clinton Portis is going to have to have a huge game against a tough Dallas defense. He had 121 yards rushing against the Bears and will likely need more than that for the Redskins to pull out a win in Dallas.

Portis is looking to redeem himself for a sub-par 2004 season, and Monday night would be a perfect time for him to highlight his skills on a national stage.

Gibbs is going to have to dig deep into his bag of tricks, but then again nobody has a bag quite like Joe.

"Dallas will have enough game breaking plays to come out on top," said University Village "resident expert" Lawrence Sandlin, a sophomore majoring in communication.

So this Monday night the Washington Redskins have to try to avoid being another appetizer as the Big Tuna tries to remember the ingredients to another long lost recipe; playoffs in Dallas.

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